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Spreading Gloom to Frighten Nation?

JOHN D. RIPS INTO PEARSON

Truants

Police Seize Pupils

Sons' Children Still Sought

TRAIL (CP) — RCMP made an unexpected raid on two Kootenay villages Monday in search of truant Sons of Freedom Doukhobor children.

They picked up four children at the Freedomite settlements of Krestova and Shoreacres and continued searching for about 50 others.

TAKEN TO SCHOOL

The four were taken to the provincial government dormitory school at New Denver to join other Sons of Freedom children whose parents refuse to send them to school.

POLICE UNHARMED

Inspector E. S. W. Batty, RCMP sub-division commander, said that despite threats by Freedomites to kill their children's "kidnappers," police went unarmed and no incidents were reported.

Inspector Batty said the parents concerned had been given every opportunity to send their children to school.

NO ALTERNATIVE

"I believe the department of education has written to about 50 families," he said. "The parents have failed to comply with the law . . . so we have no alternative but to pick the children up."

The New Denver school was set up five years ago.

Suddenly It's Spring!

Seeing is believing, but 11-year-old James Wesson had to blink a couple of times to make sure the crocuses he found blooming yesterday in Beacon Hill Park were the real thing. The park crocuses are usually among the first to bloom in this area each year.—(Colonist photo.)

Pearson Heaps Scorn

OTTAWA (CP)—Opposition Leader Pearson said Monday the Progressive Conservatives' economic sink is "filled with dirty dishes."

In a biting indictment of government "bumbling and fumbling" with inflation and recession, the Liberal chieftain said the government may have realized by now that the honeymoon and wedding trips were over.

DRUDGERY DESCENDS

"Now the hard, unglamorous drudgery of housekeeping has descended on the happy party. In fact, the domestic sink is filled with dirty dishes while argument goes on now to clean them economically without breaking any politically."

He made the remarks as he launched the 10-day throne speech debate in the Commons, delivering a 140-minute attack and winding up with a want-of-confidence motion on the basis that the government

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OPPOSITION LEADER PEARSON
. . . dirty dishes

Promises Not Kept —Argue

OTTAWA (CP) — CCF House Leader Hazen Argue Monday night charged the Progressive Conservative government "this session has turned its back on its election promises."

Specifically, he said in the Commons throne speech debate, the Conservatives had promised such things as steps to curb unemployment and inflation, to remove tight-money policies and high interest rates

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PRIME MINISTER DIEFENBAKER
. . . recession ending

Slump Kept At Bay

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker said Monday night "energetic action" by the Progressive Conservative government kept the recession from becoming too serious.

Replying in the Commons to a motion of non-confidence presented by Opposition Leader Pearson, he accused the Liberal chieftain of trying to frighten Canadians with a gloomy picture of the economy.

GLOOM DISPELLED

He said the trade department's Canadian economic outlook for 1958 had forecast a recession. However, the report —a confidential document until tabled in the House Friday—turned out to be more pessimistic than the events that transpired, Mr. Diefenbaker said. This had been due to energetic action by the government.

NO SUGGESTIONS

Mr. Pearson's speech, he said, had consisted mainly of lamentations, but no suggestions as to what should be done.

"The speech was full of colorful language. Jeremiahs always are."

He said the opposition leader spoke of inflation as if he had just discovered it. Inflation had been with Canada since 1945.

FIRST PROBLEM

The government's first responsibility was to meet the problem of the unemployed. That had been done through additional unemployment insurance payments, federal housing loans and public works.

Mr. Diefenbaker said such steps are inflationary. Economists had not been able to solve the problem of putting money into the economy without creating an inflationary threat.

PUBLIC'S WISHES

But the government intended to follow its past course in the days ahead.

"I believe that the people of Canada as a whole want us to make the necessary expenditures to meet the spectre of unemployment."

However, the unemployment rates of the past now were "giving way to the ending of the recession."

ON WAY OUT

"We are on the way out."

Throughout his speech the prime minister reiterated that economic problems faced by his governments were a legacy

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Force to Hold Berlin Would Meet Force

Mikoyan Stops Smiling, Leaves on Chilly Note

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan warned Monday that the Western Allies would probably be met by force if they resorted to military might to maintain their occupation of West Berlin.

On the eve of his return to Moscow, the high-ranking Kremlin leader made clear that his 15-day visit to the U.S. had not significantly thawed the cold war.

He said in a speech to the National Press Club that while his talks with Americans generally led him to believe the United States wants peace, the government itself "still remains on the old cold war position."

'FRIENDSHIP OR WAR'

"We all realize that the cold war is the prelude—or may be the prelude—to a hot war," he said. "We have no other alternative — either peace and friendship or war."

Earlier, the facade of official politeness that has marked Mikoyan's visit cracked somewhat when he and the U.S. state department swapped charge and countercharge over U.S. reluctance to increase trade with Russia.

SHEDS SMILE

Emerging from a conference with Undersecretary of State C. Douglas Dillon, Mikoyan shed the smile he has flashed before millions of Americans and said:

"The cold war in the state department is still going on, and it affects foreign trade."

State department spokesman Lincoln White later accused Mikoyan of abusing U.S. hospitality by making "fatuous" remarks about the government.

NO DEBT TALK

He said Mikoyan refused during the conference with Dillon to agree to a resumption of talks on settling Russia's wartime lend-lease debt to the United States.

At the conclusion of his Press Club speech, a reporter asked Mikoyan "what would happen" if the Western Allies resorted to force to supply West Berlin after Russia turns over access routes to that city to the East German government next May 27.

"Force meets with force usually," Mikoyan replied through his interpreter.

"LET US HOPE . . ."

At another point, he said, "Let us hope, and those who believe in God pray, that neither our country nor your country nor any other country will suffer from a new war that would be more terrible than anything in history."

FIDEL CASTRO
. . . high fever

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Pneumonia

Illness Fells Castro

HAVANA (UPI) — Revolutionary leader Fidel Castro has pneumonia and is running a high fever, his secretary said last night.

Castro has been suffering from flu or grippe for nearly a week but defied doctor's orders to remain in bed.

He travelled Sunday to Pinar Del Mar in the extreme western end of Cuba to complete a tour of all provinces, but was so ill he was forced to undergo medical treatment at the army hospital there.

This will not affect his scheduled appearance at a mass rally in Havana tomorrow.

Naden Pair

'Shock' Killed Sailors

HANEY (CP) — An open verdict was returned by a coroner's jury Monday in the deaths of two young sailors from HMCS Naden in a highway crash Sunday.

The verdict merely stated that Gerald Wayne Bolky, 20, of Haney and Richard J. Branch, 20, of Miocene, B.C., "came to their deaths due to electric shock."

Their car crashed into a power pole, which fell on top of the vehicle.

A third sailor from Naden, Roy Larsen of Haney, escaped from the crash with minor injuries.

Power was off in the district for more than half an hour after nearby residents reported a "tremendous flash," which led police to the scene.

Police said the sailors were returning from a dance when their car veered off the road.

Municipal Charges 'Fair'

School Board Agrees to Pay

Greater Victoria school board last night agreed to include the sum of $83,186 in its 1959 budget to pay for municipal services.

The charge will be passed on to the provincial government as part of the operating expenses of the board.

Request to approve "reasonable service charges" to four member municipalities came from the intermunicipal committee. It was presented at last night's board meeting by a three-man delegation headed by city manager C. C. Wyatt.

On the suggested basis of 12 mills on the assessed value of school property within the municipalities, Victoria will get $35,124; Saanich $28,335; Oak Bay, $11,074; and Esquimalt, $8,651.

Acting board chairman, trustee Kenneth Leeming, said he felt the method arrived at by the intermunicipal committee for assessing charges was a fair one.

Trustee Richard Reeve added: "We are being billed for legitimate charges. It should be added to the budget."

Sailor Gets 90 Days For Liquor Theft

HALIFAX (CP) — Ordinary Seaman Ernest Hollister, 19, was convicted Monday, of theft of liquor. A navy court martial here fined Hollister, crew member of the frigate Outremont, $150 and ordered 90 days' detention. The liquor was taken from the wardroom of the ship.

Flood Fight

Troops Battle Seine

PARIS (UPI)—Troop reinforcements moved into the Paris region last night to help combat the swirling flood waters of the Seine River.

Army engineers and tank units joined firemen and volunteers who are waging a round-the-clock struggle against the rising river crest in the low-lying regions of the Paris basin.

Officials said there was no immediate threat the river would top its banks in Paris itself like in the disastrous flood of 1910.

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Huge Wave Swept Man Overboard Another Flung Him Back on Deck

LIVERPOOL, England (UPI) — An American freighter's chief officer who was washed overboard by a 50-foot wave in mid-ocean and then washed back on board again by another was treated for bruises Monday in a local hospital.

The "luckiest man alive" is Francis Schremp, 37, of Metairie, La., chief officer of the freighter John Lykes, which docked at Liverpool with a general cargo from New Orleans.

Schremp said he was helping to lash down deck cargo during a gale off Bermuda when a huge wave plucked him from the deck and flung him overboard.

"I was in the water about half a minute," he said, "when I suddenly found myself coming back on the crest of the next wave. As the ship yawed, the wave dumped me back on deck, then sucked me against the rails."

As a seaman grabbed him, he said, another wave swept them both across a winch, then back across the deck where the boatswain, Charles Duplessis, managed to grab both men and help them to safety.

Schremp, who weighs 210 pounds, was treated for bruised shins and a sprained ankle.

13 on Monday Alone

Lethal Heat Kills 35 in Australia

MELBOURNE (CP) — Thirteen persons, including nine babies, died from heat exhaustion here Monday when the temperature soared to 109 degrees in the shade.

The deaths brought to 15 the number of babies who have died since the heat wave began Saturday.

Deaths blamed on the heat throughout the country total at least 35, and it is feared the total will rise.

City hospitals received hundreds of electric fans in answer to an appeal. Trays of ice then were set up in wards and fans played on them to bring temperatures down below the 90 mark.

Melbourne docks were idle as employers agreed to allow stevedores to stop work.

Every Australian state reported readings of over 100.

Argentina Drafts Workers

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—The Argentine government early today drafted all Buenos Aires transport workers into the army in a drastic move to break the nation-wide strike crippling the country. (See earlier story on page 7.)